



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information in Blue Text

<b>Event Name</b>	21-0018 - Tropical Storm Nicholas
<b>Date</b>	September 13, 2021
<b>Time</b>	0900
<b>Operational Period</b>	September 12, 2021 – September 13, 2021
<b>Report Number</b>	2

Regions Affected	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	2, 3 & 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	15, 16, 17, 20, 21

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect for the following Texas counties: Aransas, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Galveston, Goliad, Harris, Jackson, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, and Willacy Counties



On September 12, in response to severe weather threats along the Gulf Coast due to Tropical Storm Nicholas, Governor Abbott ordered the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) to increase its readiness to Level II (Escalated Response) beginning September 13, at 9:00 a.m. central. The SOC will operate at Level II to coordinate the state's response in support of local officials. Tropical Storm Nicholas is forecast to begin impacting the Texas coast tomorrow.

Tropical Storm Nicholas is expected to bring significant rainfall and flooding to the entire Gulf Coast as it moves slowly across the state. The Governor urges Texans to prepare now, pay close attention to their local forecasts, and heed all warnings of local officials.

On September 11, the Governor readied resources to assist local communities impacted by this storm. The following resources have been activated:

- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force One): 6 Swift Water Rescue Boat Squads and 8 Overhead Packages.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Game Warden Boat Teams.
- Texas Military Department: 5 Ground Transportation Platoons With High Profile Vehicles.
- Texas Department of State Health Services: Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Severe Weather Packages.
- The following actions and resources have been rostered for potential activation if needed:
- Texas A&M Forest Service: Saw Crews and Incident Management Teams.
- Texas Department of Transportation: Monitoring Road Conditions And Prepositioned Water-Filled Barriers.
- Texas Department of Public Safety: Texas Highway Patrol Search And Rescue Aircraft and The Tactical Marine Unit.
- Public Utility Commission: Power Outage Monitoring And Coordination With Utility Providers.

Texans are urged to follow these flood preparedness and safety tips during severe weather events:

- Know types of flood risk in your area. Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center for information here: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>
- Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- Build an emergency supply kit. For more information on how to build a kit, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/kit>
- Keep important documents in a waterproof container. Create password-protected digital copies.
- Protect your property. Move valuables to higher levels. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves. Consider a sump pump with a battery.

- Be extremely cautious of any water on roads or in creeks, streams, storm drains, or other areas – never attempt to cross flowing streams or drive across flooded roadways and always observe road barricades placed for your protection. Remember, Turn Around Don't Drown.

For more flood safety tips, visit [gov.texas.gov/hurricane](http://gov.texas.gov/hurricane).

Texans can also visit [www.TexasFlood.org](http://www.TexasFlood.org) for resources and tips on how to stay safe during flood events.

### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

### **Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)**

#### **DDC 15 – Beaumont** (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties)

DDC Beaumont is to activate the DDEOC to a Level II- Escalated Response to begin on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

The Beaumont Enterprise will post updated information about school closures, available resources and other information pertinent to Tropical Storm Nicholas' arrival.

The cities of Port Arthur and Nederland, as well as Orange County, are making sand bags available for residents in advance of Nicholas.

#### **DDC 16A - Houston** (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties)

**Harris County:** Addicks and Barker Reservoirs in Harris County are currently empty

#### **DDC 16B – Texas City** (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

**Galveston County:** Galveston County has issued a Disaster Declaration ahead of Tropical Storm Nicholas

### **Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)**

**DDC 20 – Corpus Christi** (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

Disaster District 20 EOC is activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) (Virtual Response) at 1200 hours on 9/12/21 in response to Tropical Storm Nicholas in the Gulf of Mexico.

**Kleberg County:** The County of Kleberg will continue to distribute sandbags to residents through Monday and Tuesday

**DDC 21 – Weslaco** (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties)

Disaster District 21 Emergency Operations Center is activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) (Virtual Activation) at 1200 hours on 09/12/2021 to support Incident 21-0018 Tropical Weather. Local jurisdictions proactive measures beginning today, September 12, 2021 at 1200 Hours.

DDEOC-21 Weslaco is currently monitoring and maintaining situational awareness with local jurisdictions and the National Weather Service Brownsville on the Tropical Weather forecast impacting the Lower Rio Grande Valley

**Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)**

**DDC 17 – Victoria** (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria Counties)

Disaster District 17 Emergency Operations Center is activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) (Virtual Activation) and will increase to Level I (Emergency Conditions) at 1300 hours on 09/13/2021.

## **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):** Due to the imminent threat to the state posed by Tropical Storm (TS) Nicholas, the Remote State Operations Center (SOC) will activate to Level II (Escalated Response) and will begin 24-hour response operations at 9:00 AM, Monday, 13 September 2021. Daily Operations staff are actively monitoring and reporting on the current situation preparing Snapshots and the State SITREPs. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the Remote SOC. Communications Coordination Group (CCG) has alerted our public, private, vendor and volunteer amateur radio partners. Amateur radio networks are being activated

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** TAMFS is actively monitoring the situation and remains ready and available to support, as needed. Resources available include (3) Saw Crews and (3) Incident Management Teams.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ continues to monitor the situation and have staff on stand-by to respond to any drinking water/wastewater and emergency response issues.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1):** TX-TF1 has activated and prepositioned the following resources as of 12 PM Sunday: 6 Water squads in Brownsville, McAllen, Corpus Christi, Matagorda, Galveston, and Beaumont. 2 Water Group Supervisors positioned for 3 squad groups. Rescue swimmers for TMD aircraft are activating first light tomorrow. The SOC Liaison is reporting to remote SOC at beginning of the operational period tomorrow. A type 3 US&R Task Force has been rostered.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** Hoist capable helicopters and the Tactical Marine Unit for swift water rescue.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS has [five](#) Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Severe Weather Packages on Standby in EMTF Regions [1](#), [2](#), [4](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#), and [11](#).

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** SOC Liaisons are rostered and responding for 24-hour staffing at the Remote SOC. Local TxDOT Districts have staff on standby to respond to any flooding issues today and overnight. The Houston TxDOT EOC met with local partners about response earlier today. The other costal TxDOT Districts are also in contact with local partners. TxDOT stands ready to respond and assist.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HSSC):** HHSC is monitoring state and regulated facilities in the projected path of the storm. Ice, water and freight contracts are being put on notice.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD has 5 ground transportation platoons (high profile vehicles) and 4 hoist capable helicopters activated.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD has identified 4 SAR boat teams (Trinity, Fayette, Kerr, and Aransas County) ready to respond as needed. In addition to the TPWD SAR team, all area TPWD field Game Wardens and Park Police Officers have been made aware of the potential threat of Tropical Weather and are ready to respond as needed with additional personnel and boat squads.

**United States Coast Guard (USCG)** The Coast Guard Captain of the Port in Corpus Christi set port condition X-Ray for the Port of Corpus Christi and all other terminals and facilities due to the expectation of sustained gale force winds generated by Tropical Storm Nicholas that may arrive within 48 hours.

## **Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)**

### **[American Red Cross \(ARC\)](#)**

### Mass Care Sheltering

Based upon the current forecast Red Cross, partner, or independently managed shelters are focused on readiness as specified below.

Additional shelters are being placed on standby and their status will be communicated in future updates.

### Mass Care Feeding

Red Cross will utilize local vendors, shelf stable meals, snacks and water in Red Cross-managed shelters. Post impact, Red Cross will work with feeding partners to support shelter operations.

### Mass Care Distribution of Emergency Supplies (DES)

No requests for Red Cross DES at this time.

### Mass Care Reunification

No requests for Red Cross service at this time.

AMERICAN RED CROSS   CONGREGATE SHELTERS OPEN OR STANDBY								
Site Name	Status	Agency	Address	City, State	County	Zip	Evac Cap (COVID)	Post-Impact Cap (COVID)
Orange Church of God, Embassy of Grace	Standby	ARC	1911 N 16th St.	Orange, TX	Orange	77630	405	202
Orange County Expo	Standby	ARC	11475 FM 1442	Orange, TX	Orange	77630	389	194
Nehemiah Family Life	Standby	ARC	640 Pollard Street	Jasper, TX	Jasper	75951	50	200
First Baptist Church of Nederland	Standby	ARC	1911 Nederland Ave	Nederland, TX	Jefferson	77627	271	135
Oaks Event Venue	Standby	ARC	2110 S Main St	Vidor, TX	Orange	77662	533	266
Kingwood First Baptist Church	Standby	Partner	3500 Woodland Hills Dr	Kingwood, TX	Harris	77339	TBD	TBD
Forge for Families	Standby	ARC	3435 Dixie Drive	Houston, TX	Harris	77021	TBD	TBD
H.M. King High School	Standby	ARC	2210 Brahma Blvd.	Kingsville, TX	Kleberg	78363	TBD	TBD
Falfurrias High School	Standby	Partner	100 Jersey St.	Falfurrias, TX	Brooks	78355	TBD	TBD
Corpus Christi Gym	Standby	ARC	3202 Cabaniss Pkwy	Corpus Christi, TX	Nueces	78415	TBD	TBD
Fulton Community Church	Standby	ARC	215 N. 3rd St.	Fulton	Aransas	78358	TBD	TBD

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TAMFS	Regional Fire Coordinator	1		Assigned	DDEOC 20
TAMFS	Regional Fire Coordinator	1		Assigned	DDEOC 21
TAMFS	(3) Saw Crews	Varies per Request		Assigned	State Wide
TAMFS	(3) Incident Management Teams	Varies per Request		Assigned	State Wide
TPWD	SAR Boat Teams		4	Standby	Trinity, Fayette, Kerr, and Aransas Counties
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon Headquarters		4	Activated	
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Activated	Galveston
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Activated	Beaumont
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Activated	Corpus Christi
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	8	4	Activated	Victoria
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	2	Activated	Weslaco
TMD	Hoist Capable Helicopters		4	Activated	
TX-TF1	6 Water Squads				Brownsville, McAllen, Corpus Christi, Matagorda,

					Galveston, and Beaumont
TX-TF1	Type 3 US&R Task Force			Rostered	
TX-TF1	Rescue Swimmers			Activated	
TX-TF1	SOC LNO			Activated	Austin

**FINAL COMMENTS** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). TDEM continues to monitor the situation and will continue to provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:*  
<https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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